

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION  
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**SAMPLE TEST CALL SCENARIOS (NON-CRISIS RELATED)**

The following are scenarios you can use to make the test calls or use as ideas to develop your own script. Please note that the scenarios are not crisis or emergency situations and each is an initial request for mental health services.

Scenario # 1 Parent calling regarding their child who has signs of depression:

Hello, I'm calling to see if I can get help for my son. My son mainly stays in bed in his room for long periods of time and won't come out. He has not been talking much to anyone. He has lost weight and hasn't been eating much. His grades have gone down at school. I brought him to our family doctor and he told me to call for mental health services for my son. My son has not had mental health services before. I'm calling to ask you what I should do.

Scenario # 2 Grief after recent loss:

I'm calling to see if you can help me. I've had a recent loss of a loved one and have been crying a lot and unable to concentrate. I haven't been interested in going places or doing things. I've even lost weight. I went to my family doctor and he said that I'm depressed and could benefit from counseling. Do you know where I can get help?

Scenario # 3 Request for medication:

I just moved here about a month ago. I found your phone number in the phone book. I was seeing a psychiatrist until a month ago and was taking medication. I lost my medication during the move. I need to see a doctor about my medication. Can you help me?

Scenario # 4 Request for information:

I would like to talk to someone about the problems I'm having. I haven't had mental health services before. I thought I could handle the problems myself. I recently lost my job (or, recently got a divorce, etc) and I need to talk to someone because I'm getting very anxious, upset and can't sleep or concentrate. Could you give me information on where I could get services? Would I go to a clinic or could I go to a private psychiatrist? How could I get a list of private psychiatrists close to where I live so I could have information on what my choices are? (Or, how would I get a copy of a beneficiary booklet that would tell me how to obtain services?)